

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled)

--11. (Currently amended) A process for lubricating wool for combed wool sliver production, said process comprising:

(a) providing wool fiber to be lubricated;

(b) providing a lubricant composition comprising a mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters, wherein, the mixture of fatty acid methyl esters comprises a mixture of methyl esters based on fatty acids selected from the group consisting of coconut fatty acids, palm kernel fatty acids, and palm oil fatty acids, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) contacting the wool fiber with the lubricant composition.--

--12. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 11, wherein the lubricant composition comprises from 50 to 95% by weight of the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters.--

--13. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 11, wherein the lubricant composition comprises from 60 to 80% by weight of the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters.--

--14. (Cancelled) --

--15. (Currently amended) The process according to claim [[14]] 11,
wherein the mixture of ~~coconut~~ fatty acid methyl esters comprises lauric acid methyl
esters and myristic acid methyl esters.--

--16. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 15, wherein
the lauric acid methyl esters are present in an amount of from 45 to 51% by weight, and
the myristic acid methyl esters are present in an amount of from 16.5 to 18.5% by
weight.--

--17. (Cancelled) --

--18. (Currently amended) The process according to claim [[17]] 11,
wherein the mixture of ~~palm-kernel~~ fatty acid methyl esters comprises lauric acid methyl
esters, myristic acid methyl esters and oleic acid methyl esters.--

--19. (Currently amended) The process according to claim [[18]] 16,
wherein the lauric acid methyl esters are present in an amount of about 50 % by
weight.--

--20. (Cancelled) --

--21. (Currently amended) The process according to claim [[20]] 11,
wherein the mixture of ~~palm-oil~~ fatty acid methyl esters comprises palmitic acid methyl
esters, oleic acid methyl esters and linoleic acid methyl esters.--

--22. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 21, wherein
the palmitic acid methyl esters and the oleic acid methyl esters are each present in an

amount of from about 41 to about 42 % by weight.--

--23. (Cancelled) --

--24. (Currently amended) The process according to claim [[23]] 11, wherein the coconut fatty acid methyl esters, the palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters, and the palm oil fatty acid methyl esters are present in a ratio by weight of 1:1:1.--

--25. (Currently amended) A lubricant composition for wool fiber comprising: a mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters consisting essentially of esters derived from fatty acids selected from the group consisting of coconut fatty acids, palm kernel fatty acids, palm oil fatty acids, and mixtures thereof; and, emulsifiers, and optionally water and additives.--

--26. (Previously presented) The lubricant composition according to claim 25, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters is present in an amount of from 60 to 80% by weight, based on the composition.--

--27. (Previously presented) The lubricant composition according to claim 25, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters consists essentially of a mixture of coconut fatty acid methyl esters, palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters, and palm oil fatty acid methyl esters.--

--28. (Previously presented) The lubricant composition according to claim 27, wherein the coconut fatty acid methyl esters, the palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters, and the palm oil fatty acid methyl esters are present in a ratio by weight of 1:1:1.--